NSI Line Officer Training Available Online

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The Nationwide Suspicious Activity Reporting (SAR) Initiative (NSI) [1] ? an interagency office that is managed by the Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Assistance ? builds on what law enforcement and other agencies have been doing for years?gathering information regarding behaviors and incidents associated with criminal activity?and establishes a standardized process whereby SAR information can be shared among agencies to help detect and prevent terrorism-related criminal activity in a manner that rigorously protects the privacy and civil liberties of Americans. To strengthen these protections, and ensure that the information being collected is in line with the behaviors outlined in the ISE-SAR Functional Standard, the NSI has created a training video for front line officers.

In their routine duties, law enforcement officers observe and report suspicious behaviors or activities, which is why it is important for them to be trained on how to recognize behavior and incidents that may indicate criminal activity associated with terrorism. The SAR line officer training was designed to assist law enforcement line officers in understanding what kinds of suspicious behaviors are associated with pre-incident terrorism activities, documenting and reporting suspicious activity, and protecting privacy, civil rights, and civil liberties when documenting information.

This training also provides information about integrating the Nationwide Suspicious Activity Reporting (SAR) Initiative (NSI) into agency operations. This training is now available to law enforcement officers and law enforcement support personnel (e.g. analysts, etc.) on the NSI website at http://nsi.ncirc.gov/SARLOT/ [2], in addition to two other online platforms; the Law Enforcement And Public Safety channel [3](www.LEAPS.tv [4]) and the Memorial Institute for the Prevention of Terrorism [5](www.MIPT.org [6]).

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